

**SFY 2017 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant
Report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means**

FY17 GAA- 1599-0026 - Municipal Regionalization and Efficiencies Incentive Reserve

Pursuant to funds appropriated in Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) was able to award grant funds for municipalities meeting the criteria as detailed in the appropriation language below.

...provided further, that \$3,350,000 shall be transferred to the executive office of public safety and security for a competitive grant program for public safety and emergency staffing to be administered by that executive office; and provided further, that the grants shall be awarded to communities that: (a) have populations of at least 60,000; and (b) demonstrate that their police or fire departments had an operating budget per capita of less than \$200 in 2010; provided further, that grant funds under this item shall only be provided to communities who submitted qualifying applications that were approved by the executive office of public safety and security in fiscal year 2016...

EOPSS awarded appropriated funds through a competitive grant process.

Key Dates

Application Posted: **Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

Bidders' Conference Call: **Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 11AM**

Application Deadline: **Friday, October 28, 2016, 4PM**

Anticipated Award Announcements: **Friday, November 18, 2016**

Anticipated Grant Period: **January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017**

Applicant Eligibility

Pursuant to the language in the appropriation, ten communities were eligible to apply for funding.

Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services Municipal Databank/Local Aid Section				
Municipality- DOR Code	Census 2012 Population	Census 2010 Population	FY 2010 Police Department Expenditure¹	Per Capita Expenditure
LOWELL-160	108,522	106,519	\$19,414,966	\$182.27
BROCKTON-44	94,094	93,810	\$17,370,071	\$185.16
LYNN-163	91,253	90,329	\$16,732,413	\$185.24
FALL RIVER-95	88,945	88,857	\$15,252,488	\$171.65
NEWTON-207	86,307	85,146	\$14,071,461	\$165.26
LAWRENCE-149	77,326	76,377	\$12,792,247	\$167.49
SOMERVILLE-274	77,104	75,754	\$12,500,233	\$165.01
FRAMINGHAM-100	69,882	68,318	\$10,471,060	\$153.27
HAVERHILL-128	61,797	60,879	\$8,604,135	\$141.33
MALDEN-165	60,374	59,561	\$8,618,741	\$144.70

¹ Source: Division of Local Services Communities at a Glance Summary Reports, Schedule A-Actual Revenues and Expenditures (p. 3)

Allowable Purposes

- To restore laid off sworn police officers and/or firefighters.
- To retain police officers and/or firefighters that would otherwise be laid off during the current fiscal year if not for this funding.
- To restore police/fire staffing levels due to attrition and other reasons.
- To restore or retain civilian employees working at the police and/or fire department.
- For overtime necessary to provide adequate shift coverage and/or to maintain staffing levels.

Allowable Costs

- Salaries
- Employer paid fringe benefit costs
- Overtime costs
- Additional direct costs with a specific purpose and a specific amount associated with hiring or rehiring or retaining personnel (e.g., training, uniforms)

Funding Recommendations

Funding recommendations were based on reviewers' best assessment of data, information, and need presented by each department in its application. The Secretary of Public Safety and Security approved the final award amounts. The table below shows awards to each community by department.

Awards

City	Police Department	Fire Department	Total
Brockton	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$250,000
Fall River	\$480,984.05	\$484,006.00	\$964,990.05
Framingham	\$40,000.00	<i>did not apply</i>	\$40,000.00
Haverhill	\$100,000.00	<i>did not apply</i>	\$100,000.00
Lawrence	\$825,249.11	<i>did not apply</i>	\$825,249.11
Lowell	\$106,824.00	\$32,078.00	\$138,902.00
Lynn	\$489,861.84	<i>did not apply</i>	\$489,861.84
Malden	\$152,997.00	\$112,000.00	\$264,997.00
Newton	\$38,000.00	<i>did not apply</i>	\$38,000.00
Somerville	\$38,000.00	<i>did not apply</i>	\$38,000.00
Totals	\$2,371,916.00	\$778,084.00	\$3,150,000.00

Disbursement

Fifty percent of the approved award is rendered once a contract is executed. To help ensure compliance with grant rules and regulations, the remaining fifty percent is rendered after EOPSS receives and approves a grantee's second quarterly report (on or about May 1, 2017).

Contracting

In November (2016), each of the fourteen grantees was sent a contract packet containing a Standard Contract, Signature Authorization Form, OGR Subrecipient Grant Conditions, and OGR reporting requirements.

During the month of December (2016), each grantee was sent its formal award notification and a copy of its executed Standard Contract, and all reporting forms.

Status as of February 2017

All grantees are in compliance with reporting requirements and each has received the initial payment of fifty percent of the full grant award.